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Dear Sir:

The Applicant and those individuals involved in the preparation and/or prosecution of the above-identified Application have become aware of the following references which the Examiner may consider material to the patentability of the above-identified Application:

<u>PATENT NO.</u>	<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>DATE</u>
11-193485	JAPAN	07/1999

A copy of the above reference is enclosed along with a partial English-language translation. This satisfies the requirement for a concise explanation.

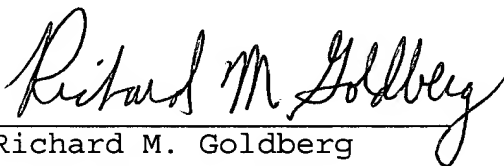
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In the present invention, wire 9 rotates on its axis, while in the above reference, wire 9 (wick material 4) rotates around rotating axis 7 as shown in Fig. 1.

In addition, one PTO-1449 Form is enclosed, which lists the above reference. It is requested that the Examiner initial this Form and return a copy thereof to the undersigned.

It is requested that the above-identified reference be made of record in the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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